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Silicas

Lo-Vel® Flatting Silicas, Hi-Sil® Thixotropic Silicas, Inhibisil™ Non-toxic Anti-corrosion Pigment

PPG Industries offers a wide variety of specialty precipitated silicas designed for use in coatings, adhesives, sealants, plastisols, inks and resins. Lo-Vel® synthetic precipitated silicas are designed as stir-in flatting agents used to reduce the gloss of a variety of industrial, automotive and specialty coatings finishes. They offer high flatting efficiency, low oil adsorption, excellent dispersibility and yield high clarity in films. Inhibisil™ pigment is developed for use as a non-toxic corrosion inhibiting pigment for paint and coatings systems in contact with metal. Hi-Sil® T-600 and T-700 are synthetic precipitated silica thixotropes used in a variety of coatings, resins, sealants and adhesive systems as rheology modifiers and anti-sag/suspension aids. Your application may demand properties our current silica products do not address. PPG will seek to accommodate your need for a specially designed silica through the resources and support of PPG coating specialists. For technical assistance call PPG at 1-800-243-6745 or fax 1-412-434-2520.

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- Delfzijl, the Netherlands
- Nanchang, People's Republic of China
- Lianyungang, People's Republic of China
- Rayong, Thailand
- Sanyi, Taiwan

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PPG Silicas for Coatings Applications

Grades and Typical Characteristics of PPG Designed Silicas

Tapped Bulk

Silica Grade	Micrometers	Median Size	Density	Performance Characteristics/Uses
Lo-Vel® 27	2	3		Easy dispersing, low cost flattening silica for 5.4 Hegman thin film coatings such as lacquers
Lo-Vel® 66	2	4		Wax-treated for easy resuspension and mar resistance in thin film wood coatings and clear industrial finishes
Lo-Vel® 275	4	5		General Purpose easy dispersing flattening silica for 6 Hegman clear and pigmented coatings
Lo-Vel® 326	4	6		Wax-treated for easy resuspension and mar resistance in 6 Hegman industrial, automotive and specialty coatings finishes
Lo-Vel® 28	5	6		High efficiency flattening silica at all viewing angles in coil and general industrial coatings
Lo-Vel® 29	6	6		Outstanding flattening efficiency at 1:1 gloss/sheen ratio in 5 Hegman coil and general industrial coatings
Lo-Vel® 356	7	7		Easy dispersing, high solids, low VOC flattening silica for coil, appliance and furniture finishes
Lo-Vel® 39A	8	7		Highly efficient, low cost flattening silica for micro-textured coil and general industrial coatings
Lo-Vel® HSF	10	10		Easy dispersing, high solids, low VOC flattening silica with 1:1 gloss/sheen ratio for pigmented coatings
Lo-Vel® 271PC12	27			Reduces gloss of variety of industrial powder coatings over wide range of cure time and temperature without affecting viscosity or flow-out
Inhibisil®	8	23		Non-toxic corrosion inhibiting silica pigment for paint and coatings systems in contact with metal
Hi-Sil® T-600	2	3		Thixotropic silica used as a rheology modifier and anti-sag/suspension aid in variety of coatings, resins, sealants and adhesives
Hi-Sil® T-700	2	2		Highly efficient precipitated silica thixotrope designed as a cost effective alternative to fumed

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Thickeners			
Hi-Sil? T-600	2	3	Thickener/thixotrope for solvent based coatings, polyester gel coats, resins, adhesives, caulks, sealants, inks. Less dust.
Hi-Sil? T-650	1.5	3	Thickener/thixotrope for solvent based coatings, polyester gel coats, resins, adhesives, caulks, sealants, inks.
Hi-Sil? T-700	2	3	Higher surface area thickener/thixotrope for solvent based coatings polyester gel coats, adhesives, caulks, sealants, inks, defoamers
Hi-Sil? T-152	1.5	3	Higher oil absorption thickener/thixotrope for solvent based coatings polyester gel coats, adhesives, caulks, sealants, inks, defoamers
Flatting Agents			
Lo-Vel? 27	2	3	Easy dispersing for lacquers & thin films. General purpose for use in solvent and water base coatings. Typical Hegman = 6
Lo-Vel? 2003	3	5	Smooth finish, high efficiency for coil and industrial coatings. Use in solvent and water based coatings. Typical Hegman = 6
Lo-Vel? 275	4	5	High efficiency for industrial finishes and coil coatings; for solvent and water based coatings. Typical Hegman = 6.
Lo-Vel? 2000	5	7	Highest flatting efficiency for coil coatings & industrial finishes. Use in solvent and water based coatings. Typical Hegman = 5?
Lo-Vel? 28	5	6	For coil coatings, leather coatings, industrial finishes, both solvent and water based. Typical Hegman = 5?
Lo-Vel? 29	6	7	High efficiency at all viewing angles for solvent and water based coil and industrial finishes. Typical Hegman = 5.
Lo-Vel? 39A	8	10	For micro-textured finishes, primers, sander-sealer coats. Typical Hegman = 4
Lo-Vel? HSF	10	14	Special for high solids coatings. High efficiency at all viewing angles, less effect on viscosity. Typical Hegman = 5?

PPG Industries Hi-Sil? Silicas

Lo-Vel? 271 PC	12	27	For powder coatings. Flatting is independent of cure temperature. Low effect on viscosity, resistant to over dispersion
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Wax Treated Flatting Agents

Lo-Vel? 66	2	3	Wax treated, easy dispersing for lacquers & wood coatings for use in solvent and water base coatings. Typical Hegman = 6
Lo-Vel? 2023	3	5	Wax treated. Smooth finish, high efficiency for coil & all industrial coatings. Use in solvent and water. Typical Hegman = 6.
Lo-Vel? 326	4	6	Wax treated for Industrial finishes and coil coating. Smooth films Use in solvent and water base coatings. Typical Hegman = 6
Lo-Vel? 2010	5	7	Wax treated for industrial finishes, coil coating, UV cured coatings, can be used in solvent and water. Typical Hegman =5?

Corrosion Inhibitor

Inhibisil?	8	11	Non-heavy metal, non-toxic, calcium modified silica corrosion inhibitor pigment for solvent and water based coatings.
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* Particle Size measurements via Coulter Multisizer.

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